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PROPRIETOR,
JOSEPH WHARTON,
Post Office Address,
BOX 1332, PHILADELPHIA.

AMERICAN NICKEL WORKS,

Camden, N. J., Oct 16 1888

Hon David M Fox, Supt U S Mint

Dear Sir Referring to my letter to you dated Oct. 13 th. which answered yours of Oct. 12 th. concerning nickel-copper coin blanks which you wished to have delivered during the coming year under my engagement to deliver during the year which ends this week, I now make this offer: viz.

For delivery from this date to the end of 1889 I am willing to supply to the Mint 50. 000 lbs. of nickel-copper coin blanks, like those hitherto furnished, at the old price of 42 1/10 cents per pound

This I do, not because I apprehend that you could claim further deliveries under that expiring engagement, but because I wish to avoid any appearance of reluctance to comply with any wish of the Mint; the offer is made on condition that it is to be promptly accepted or rejected, that if rejected it shall not prejudice my position, and that if accepted it shall be an amicable termination of my engagement

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Yours truly Joseph Wharton

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Yours Truly,
Joseph Wharton